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SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

Have you noticed a new "beauty mark" around Pershing? No, I don't mean a student. If, by some chance you haven't noticed the new object, maybe you need to have your glasses changed.

The next time you stand at attention for the flag raising ceremony in the morning, take a good look at the flag and you'll see what I'm talking about. Pershing has obtained a new flag!

Yes, now people who visit Pershing will see, waving triumphantly, gloriously in the breeze, a new red, white and blue banner that represents American freedom.

To some students the flag raising ceremony in the morning is an uncalled for interruption. But to the greater part of in the crowd (and the word "greater" may be interpreted two entirely different ways!) it is considered a great honor and a privilege. They are proud to be able to stand with fellow Americans and gaze with pride at the colorful banner which stands before them. Not only is it symbolic of freedom, but it is freedom itself, slapping proudly, independently over American soil.

So the next time you repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, think about it. Don't say it blankly. Look at the banner that represents your freedom, your country, and think of the many lives that were given in the fight for the right to display it. And remember our National Anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner."—Sherry Evans.

SELECTING PANDA PERSONALITIES

In each issue of the CHATTER, seventh, eighth, and ninth grade Panda Personalities appear in the paper. Do you know how they are chosen?

Each homeroom elects a boy and a girl from its registration. These students should be outstanding in honor and in service to the school. They should be respected by both students and teacher. After the students have been chosen, the homeroom reporter sends the student's pictures and personal data to the CHATTER. This personal data includes description, favorites, honors and possible future plans.

If all of the information needed is on file, the student is then eligible for the Panda Personality for his or her grade. —Ann Echols

HOW TO BE AN HONOR STUDENT

To belong to the National Honor Society is quite an achievement. This honor is not bestowed on just anyone. It is not an easy thing even to become an applicant. Your grades, your service, leadership, citizenship and your conduct are some of the qualifications considered for your induction into the National Honor Society.

The qualifications for the Society are the same in Washington, California, and Rhode Island as they are in Texas. Most of the high schools, junior high schools, and colleges all over the nation have a National Honor Society.

The members are selected on a basis of scholarship, service, citizenship, leadership, and character. To be eligible for the National Honor Society a pupil must have a total of one hundred points, twenty for each of the above traits. A pupil must have been a member of his or her school at least one semester prior to election to membership in the John J. Pershing Honor Society.

Pupils are first screened for scholarship. For character, candidates submit recommendations signed by their homeroom teacher and two other teachers in whose classes the candidate is or has been. Those who qualify in these two characteristics are given a form to be filled out with the help of their homeroom teachers.—Sabra Stratton.

A Real Texan Is Teacher of Month

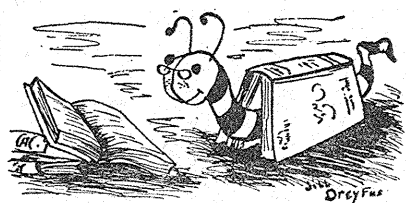
Pershing's teacher of the month is a real Texas gal this time—Mrs. Mary Alice Jones. Mrs. Jones has been a member of Pershing's faculty for seventeen years.

Mrs. Jones was born just outside of the penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas. She received her teacher's degree at the Sam Houston State Teachers College there. She is married to Mr. James Hill Jones and has two children, both boys. She is also the grandmother of three darling grandchildren.

As all who have had her for Texas history know, Mrs. Jones loves anything and everything about Texas. She has taught other subjects during her career but likes teaching Texas history best.

Here is a Texas size salute to our Texas history teacher and one of our favorites—Mrs. Mary Alice Jones.

BOOKS



"AND NOW MIGUEL" PRIZE WINNING BOOK

Annually the year's outstanding book of children's literature is awarded the John Newbery Medal, in memory of the man who first recognized the need for children's books. This distinguished medal has now been awarded for the thirty-third time. This year's winner is Joseph Krumgold for his book, "And Now Miguel."

Here is a little about the book. Twelve years old Miguel, who is too old to be satisfied with what he has and too young to get what he wants, tells us of his yearning to go with the men and sheep to the mountains. He also "lets us in" on the plan that made this dream come true.

The New Mexico setting comes into reality as you read this story. Newbery Medal winners are:

1922 The Story of Mankind—Van Loon
 1923 The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle—Lofting
 1924 The Dark Frigate—Hawes
 1925 Tales from Silver Lands—Finger
 1926 Shen of the Sea—Chrisman
 1927 Smoky the Cowhorse—James
 1928 Gay Neck—Mukerji
 1929 Trumpeter of Krakow—Kelly
 1930 Hitty, Her First Hundred Years—Field
 1931 The Cat Who Went To Heaven—Coatsworth
 1932 Waterless Mountain—Armer
 1933 Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze—Lewis
 1934 Invincible Louisa—Meigs
 1935 Dobry—Shannon
 1936 Caddie Woodlawn—Brink
 1937 Roller Skates—Sawyer
 1938 The White Stag—Serey
 1939 Thimble Summer—Enright
 1940 Daniel Boone—Daugherty
 1941 Call It Courage—Sperry
 1942 The Matchlock Gun—Edmonds
 1943 Adam of the Road—Gray
 1944 Johnny Tremain—Forbes
 1945 Rabbit Hill—Lawson
 1946 Strawberry Girl—Lanski
 1947 Miss Hickory—Bailey
 1948 The Twenty-one Balloons—du Bois
 1949 King of the Wind—Henry
 1950 The Door in the Wall—de Angeli
 1951 Amos Fortune, Free Man—Yates
 1952 Ginger Pye—Estes
 1953 Secret of the Andes—Clark
 1954 And Now Miguel—Krumgold

Ramblin' Round

By Patti Oliver

Hello there, all you Pandas! Thanks for all the swell news you have been sending me, but there is always room for more.

Parties seem to be the fad lately. Marie Tryling, Stephanie Bender, Dee Ann Bowen, and dance recently. Janis Carter, Melba St. Clair, Georgia Bennett, and Gayle Fleming also gave a dance on March 6.

What kind of commotion has Ann Echols been causing in homeroom? Could it have anything to do with cinch belts?

Betty McGrew gave a nice coke party on February 27. Some of the guests were Shirley McKinley, Ardene Meyer, Janis Carter, Mary Lee Maginnis, Judy Grafius, Anne Lipscomb, Terry Van Wagner, and Jane Yoder. Another swell coke party was given by Kathleen Bowen and Susie Twyman on March 6.

Randy Moore is back at school again, sailing down the halls on his crutches.

A come-as-you-are party was

Sweet Music

Bill: Hey, Joe, do you know what the sweetest music this side of heaven is?

Joe: Sure, the three o'clock bell.



Panda Cub Album

By Tommy Tune

Yea Red, Yea White!
 Yea Pershing, fight! fight! fight!

This is the clue,
 See what you can do.

Ain't she cute and ain't she sweet,
 You can see her comin' down the street.

She's reading a book,
 At us she won't look.

First prize she won,
 This poem's done.

Oh what a shame,
 Please guess her name.

Answer: Unjumble the letters, spell out her name—
 Nawda Rhapes

Last Issue—Dick Putney.

Algebra Beautiful?

Mrs. Christy Wyatt has an odd way of teaching algebra. When explaining a problem on the board, she uses different colors of chalk. By the time she gets through it looks like a christmas tree.

"I think algebra is interesting and I want my students to see how 'beautiful' it is," she explains.

If

If . . . you can . . . Be Strong . . . and take a . . . High Flight . . . across . . . Flanders Fields . . . over . . . Trees . . . to . . . The Little House by the Side of the Road . . . O Captain My Captain . . . will be there watching the . . . Flag Passing By.

—Mrs. Jackson's English Classes

Panda Personalities



DOROTHY LANFORD

(7th Grade)

Ever since mid-term we have been seeing a cute little blond around the school. Her name is Dorothy Lanford and she is the seventh grade popular panda for this issue.

Dorothy has only been at Pershing since mid-term, but already she has gained many honors; some of them are: president of her homeroom, chairman of her social studies class, sweetheart of her homeroom and sweetheart of the seventh grade.

Her hobbies are collecting records and dancing.

Her ambition is to go to Lamar and then to Texas University. Later she hopes to be a model. As attractive as she is, how can she miss?



Kandid Korner

By Ann Echols

Hurry, Polly! You just must get that lipstick on before the bell rings.

As Judy Phillips looks on, she sees Polly Poole in deep concentration and very busy with a tube of lipstick.

The time is immediately after lunch. The place is on the driveway near the lunchroom. The result is smeared lipstick on a partially satisfied girl.

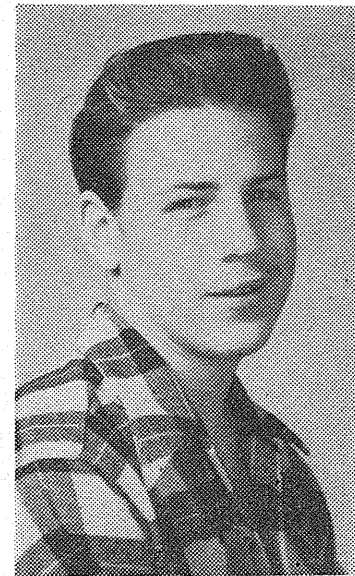
Keep those candid pictures coming. Yours might be chosen next.

J. C. L. BANQUET SET FOR MARCH 23

The J. C. L. Banquet held in the school cafeteria on March 23 carried out a Latin theme and put to use the purple and gold colors of the J. C. L.

The menu was decorated with figures done in color and the place cards also carried out the Latin theme. The J. C. L. members attended the dinner clad in togas.

The banquet dinner consisted of fried chicken, salad, celery and carrot curls, hot rolls and dessert. They also had entertainment using the local talent around Pershing.



BILL PITCHER

(8th Grade)

A panda with a sparkling personality—that describes our own Bill Pitcher, who is in Mr. Book's eighth grade homeroom.

Bill is looking forward to becoming an engineer so it isn't any wonder that his favorite hobbies are boat racing and the construction of airplanes.

Among Bill's favorites we find: food, steaks and potatoes; drink, cokes; subject, gym; teacher, Mr. Book; color, green; song, "I Didn't Want to Do It"; sport, football; favorite girl, Bel Hodgson.

Bill plans to attend Lamar after leaving Pershing and then on to S.M.U. to study engineering.

HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

1. On which side of your radio is the volume control?
2. Does Jefferson face the same way on both the nickel and three cent stamp?
3. An inch on a standard ruler is divided into how many parts?
4. How many keys on a piano?
5. In the American flags are there more red stripes than white?
6. What is the building on the back of the Jefferson nickel?
7. An ordinary fork has how many prongs?
8. On a pay phone, is the coin return slot on the right or left?
9. Which letter doesn't appear on your phone dial?
10. When water goes down the drain any place above the Equator, does it swirl clockwise or counter-clockwise?
11. What does the Statue of Liberty hold in her left hand?
12. On which side does a policeman wear his badge?
13. Don't peek, but how many joints on your fingers; on your thumb?
14. When you open a door, which way do you turn the knob?
15. Does Lincoln wear a tie on a penny?
16. How many squares (both red and black) are there on a checkerboard?
17. How many cards in a standard deck?
18. How many times does the number and word "one" appear on a United States dollar bill?
19. What are the dimensions of standard two-hole notebook paper?
20. How many colors in the rainbow, and what are they? (Answers Page 4)

Speaking of Names

Don't ever call just a first name in Mrs. Robertson's homeroom. If you do, several people may answer.

They have five Judys, three Anns, two Pats, two Miras, and two Bills.



LYNN COLLINS

(9th Grade)

Lynn Collins, the ninth grade Panda Personality, is in Mrs. High's low nine homeroom.

She has brown hair, brown eyes, and is five feet two inches tall. Lynn's favorites are: food, fried shrimp and french fried potatoes; drink, pepsi cola; color, green; and song, "Till Then."

She has many honors; these include sweetheart of her homeroom in the seventh grade, once secretary of her homeroom, and two scholarships, one in high seventh and one in high eighth.

Lynn is going to attend Lamar and then Rice Institute where she plans to study architecture.



By Karen Kamin

Here we are again, Pandas, with more fads in fashion! You girls are really going for the stiff petticoats. Speaking of skirts, are they getting longer or shorter? With the stiff petticoats that are being worn, you really can't tell whether they are long or short.

Everyone is really getting set for summer weather. Almost everybody is wearing sleeveless blouses. Loafers and socks are sort of going out now and flats are taking their place. Flats are great to wear from now through the summer because they are so cool and comfortable.

Speaking of being cool and comfortable, what's happening to the hair along about this time? The answer to that question is simple. Most long hair is getting short and most short hair . . . is getting shorter!

Soon those pretty dresses will be covered with dainty gorging things with loads of ruffles. Pinafrees will be worn in full force right after Easter. They are worn in all shades and colors but most of them are white.

Can You Guess?

Who is the first girl to go barefoot every summer? (Judy Greenway)

Who finds algebra II easy? (Miss Moreland)

Who is the smartest half-wit in the school? (Larry Wolf)

Who's favorite word is "Crunchies"? (Jane Pitts and Mrs. Robertson)

Who's known as "Shiner" because of her black eye? (Arlene Strong)

Where can you find Dickie Klug? (With Mary Lynn Wilson)

CLUB NEWS

WANTED! SPEAKERS AND MODIFIERS

This semester a new club was started; it is the Ham Radio Club. The club president is Carl Dodge of Mrs. Trice's homeroom and the vice president is Alan Haufreet, Mrs. Farrell's homeroom.

The main idea of this club is to get more boys interested in radio. The boys are building their own equipment and have put up a 135 foot aerial.

The club would like to know of anyone who would lend speakers or modifiers to the club.

JUNIOR JOURNALISM CLUB ELECTS

One of the many clubs here in Pershing is the Junior Journalism Club. The club officers are: president, Brenda Heid; vice president, Marilyn Mott; and secretary, Linda Leyendecker.

The club teaches its members to write stories for the CHATTER. Some of last year's members are now on the CHATTER staff. They are Nancy Knapp, Kay Knapp, Karen Kamin, Dorothy Reese, and Mary Magruder.

The club sponsor is Mrs. Betty Scarborough.

MENTAL GAMES SOLVE PROBLEMS

Another new club has been added to our selections. This is Mrs. Starkey's Mental Games Club. The games the Club has played so far are "Twenty Questions" and "What's My Line?"

There are five groups in the Club and each group plays to win the crown.

Paden Hildreth was elected president and John Sample vice president.

There are five people in a group and the five that hold the crown

South of the Border Students Enter

We are fortunate to have two Pandas from south of the border. They are Diana Heindon and Bobby Gravel from Mrs. Smith's high seven homeroom.

Diana was born in Trinidad, where she lived for four years. She lived in Venezuela for three and a half years, where she went to a modern American run school.

Bobby was born in Cuba. He lived there for seven years. He also lived in Venezuela for three years and Babados for six months. Bobby attended a private school where he learned to speak Spanish.

Honor Society Elect Officers

At a recent meeting, the John J. Pershing National Honor Society elected officers. The new president is Skippy Wiegand. Bette Conrad is the vice president; Judy Whitehurst, secretary; and Joe Wall, treasurer. Arlene Strong heads the credentials committee and George Rose, Suzanne Furneaux, Vicki Patisillo, and John Parker work with her. Kent Watts is the chairman of the constitution committee. Serving on his committee are Tom Maynor, Shirley McKinley, Gene Hartung, and Kathleen Bowlin.

The National Honor Society is now making plans to receive new members. You may become a member by having a scholastic average of 20 points and an H in conduct. To be qualified you must also have an accumulation of honor points received the preceding semester. Members are restricted to the ninth grade only.

so far are Paden Hildreth, Johnny Humber, Guff Evans, William Pierce, and Pat Henry.

"JACKSON'S CLUB HAS MAGIC SHOW"

Mrs. Jackson's Y-Teen Club had a magic show on March 2. It was given by two boys in her homeroom, John Ward and Frank Wind. The show took one club period and some of the mysterious tricks were: making cards appear in a hat, ring tricks, taking scarves out of a hat, and card tricks.

HOMEROOM ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Junger's homeroom recently elected new committee chairmen. They are: Linda Kay Clanton, program chairman; Linda Cook, scholastic chairman; and Gail Chernasky, social chairman.

A report from Mrs. Junger's homeroom shows that they recently lost an outstanding member, Jerry Boggess, who moved to Dallas.

One of the newcomers to Pershing is Tony, a blue male parakeet brought by Janis Hill who is in Mrs. Gregory's homeroom. Some of Tony's sayings are: "Down boy," "It's not nice to bite," and "Tony is a pretty boy." Tony's birthday is March 8, and he is 10 months old. The bird was brought by Janis to entertain her homeroom.

Some people dig for gold, some for oil and some for ore, but Mrs. Long's homeroom digs for steel! While Ronald Zilliox, John He Lyndon Harper, and "Big Gros" were digging a hole for their red but tree, they struck steel. After several hours of digging the tree was finally planted.

Students Teach News Story Form

By Richard Harris

The members of the journalism class at Pershing completed a special project during the last two weeks of March. The students instructed English classes in writing a simple news story.

The project was first discussed by the members of the journalism class. It was decided that two days would be required for instruction. Forms were then sent to the English teachers on which they could designate whether they wished to have a journalism student teach in their classes and the periods they wanted them.

After the forms were received from the teachers, a schedule was set up and the preparation of lesson plans began.

Two copies were made of lesson plans, one for the student's own use and one for the teacher.

Participating in this project were Diana Van Wagoner, Richard Harris, Ruthie Castor, Sherry Evans, Terry Van Wagner, Valerie Dainov, Ann Echols, Judy Enquist, Dian Duryea and Judy Cunningham.

J. C. L. Tea Honors Future Members

The J. C. L. Club held its annual tea in room 115, Friday, March 19. The tea was for students who plan to take Latin next year and special invitations were sent.

Nancy Brown, Rosamond Cohen, Connie Coerver, and Glenda Cox served cookies and punch.